GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AUTO THEFT IN DELHI
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether auto theft menace has been increasing as reported in Times of India dated March 3, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to intensify the drive to nab wanted criminals and curb auto theft?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The number of vehicles reported to have been stolen during the year 2002 was 7434 as against 7895 vehicles reported to have been stolen during the preceding year. This declining trend continued during the first three months of the current year also.

(c): The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent theft of vehicles include formation of Anti-auto Theft Squad in every Police District to provide focussed attention to the investigation of such cases; check-posts at exit points from Delhi; collection of intelligence about the organized gangs involved in auto-theft; intensification of Motor Cycle patrolling in the parking areas; compilation of data regarding suspect auto-lifters operating in Delhi and its circulation to all the Police Stations; and setting up of inter-state coordination committee with the neighboring States, etc. to share crime and criminal-related information.